

REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-31 are now pending in the application, where claims 26-31 have been added by this amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview given on May 11, 2004. During this interview, the art cited by the Examiner was discussed in light of Claims 1, 13, 20 and 23. During this interview, an agreement as to Allowability of the claims as amended was not reached.

The Applicant's representative would like to thank the Examiner for the further interview given on July 19, 2004. During the interview the reference EP 0724868 was discussed in light of the pending claims. No agreement was reached as to the allowability of the claims.

In a courtesy copy of an Advisory Action faxed to the Applicant's representative on July 18, 2004 the amendments to the drawings filed May 18, 2004 were accepted and included herewith. The other amendments were not indicated as entered and the applicant requests the Examiner enter the amendments filed on May 18, 2004 and further consider the amendments included herein.

Support for amendments to each of the claims can be found throughout the originally filed application and no new matter has been added.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowance of independent Claims 24 and 25. Applicant requests that each of the other presently pending claims be allowed such that Claims 1, 2, and 4-25 are indicated as allowed.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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